

PUBLIC NOTICE  
SC Department of Health and Environmental Control  
Bureau of Water  
2600 Bull Street  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Public Notice No. 16-084-R

Date: June 04, 2016

NOTICE OF PROPOSED REISSUANCE OF A  
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT

The following applicant has reapplied for a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit to discharge treated wastewater into waters of the State of South Carolina. The NPDES permit contains effluent limitations on the amounts of pollutants allowed to be discharged, based upon preliminary staff review and application of the Federal Clean Water Act, the SC Pollution Control Act, and other lawful standards and appropriate regulations. The pollutant limitations and other permit conditions are tentative and open to comment from the public.

APPLICANT: EASLEY COMBINED UTILITIES, FACILITY NAME: EASLEY/MIDDLE BRANCH WWTP (ANDERSON COUNTY/ANDERSON EQC OFFICE), NPDES permit #SC0039853, PO BOX 619, EASLEY, SC 29641-0619. The facility is located at the intersection of Middle Branch and Country Road S-4-94 in Anderson County. The facility has 1 discharge point: 001-treated sanitary wastewater, discharging to: Middle Branch to Big Brushy Creek to Little River to Saluda River; The Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code for the facility is 4952. The receiving streams are classified Class FW: freshwaters suitable for primary and secondary contact recreation and as a source for drinking water supply after conventional treatment in accordance with the requirements of the Department. Suitable for fishing and the survival and propagation of a balanced indigenous aquatic community of fauna and flora. Suitable also for industrial and agricultural uses. The analysis for permit limits in this permit included less stringent alternative criteria in accordance with Part E.14.c(7) of SC Regulation 61-68, Water Classifications and Standards, for one or more parameters. The determination to set site-specific effluent limits or not limit certain parameters was based on such criteria. Sludge solids will be transported to Twin Chimneys Landfill (#231001-1102) under conditions outlined in the NPDES permit. A fact sheet is available. This Permit when issued will supersede an existing permit which will expire on May 30, 2016.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to permit issuance or to the proposed permit limitations and conditions are invited to submit same in writing within thirty (30) days of the date of this notice to the attention of: Mr. Mohammed Siddiqui; SC DHEC; Water Facilities Permitting Division; 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; Telephone: 803-898-4242. The permit number should be placed at the top of the first page of comments. When there is a significant degree of public interest in a permit or group of permits, the Department may hold a public hearing. SC DHEC is not involved in zoning, land use, or property value issues. Please contact your local County or Municipal officials for questions or concerns on these issues.

All comments received within the 30-day period will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the permit. All persons submitting written comments will be notified of the final determinations. Requests for adjudicatory hearings may be filed after the above described determinations have been made. Additional information regarding adjudicatory hearings is available from the Legal Office at the above Department address or by calling 803-898-3350.

Additional information on proposed permit determinations and on hearing procedures is available by writing or calling the Department at the above address or telephone number. Copies of a specific application or draft permit of interest to an individual, organization, or company must be requested in writing. A fee schedule has been established for processing these requests: Reproduction of documents - \$0.25 per page. Requests must be mailed to the Freedom of Information Office at 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201, phone number: 803-898-3882; or requests may be faxed to the Freedom of Information Office at 803-898-3816. Arrangements can be made to review all the permit information at the Freedom of Information Office on the third floor of the Sims Building across from Peebles Auditorium.

Please bring the foregoing to the attention of persons you know will be interested in this matter.

